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Things turned spooky in Los Alamos Oct. 25 as the town kicked off its Halloweekend activities with Central Ave. full of ghosts and goblins. More than 2,000 people visited the Bradbury Science Museum's High-Tech Halloween event, featuring with science demos that included erupting pumpkins, glowing germs and real creepy-crawlies (i.e., spiders and snakes). Meanwhile, the Laboratory's Community Partnerships Office joined other organizations and stores in downtown Los Alamos in decorating their offices and handing out candy to the thousands of children who came trick-or-treating.

LANL Major Subcontractors Consortium awards nonprofit grants

Three Northern New Mexico nonprofits will be better able to carry out their important work thanks to \$55,000 in awards from the LANL Major Subcontractors Consortium (MSC) grant pool. Announced at a dinner Oct. 10, the recipients were WESST, the Community Learning Network, Santa Fe Farmers Market Institute, and RiverSource. The Consortium serves as a resource for Northern New Mexico enterprises that do business with the Laboratory, and develops a joint strategy to invest in the regional community to create jobs and strengthen the economy through its grant pool.

Laboratory marks first Rudolfo Anaya I Love to Read Day

To mark the first official statewide "Rudolfo Anaya I Love to Read Day" on Oct. 30, Laboratory volunteers visited elementary schools in the region to read to the students and donate books to the classrooms. David Eyler, associate Laboratory director (shown in the above photo) read to two classes at Tesuque Elementary School. Earlier this year, New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham designated the famous author's birthday "Rudolfo Anaya I Love to Read Day" in New Mexico to promote literacy awareness and honor Anaya's contributions to literature. Laboratory employee Maryrose Montalvo was instrumental in helping the designation take place.

Local leaders envision a bright future for Northern New Mexico

Laboratory Director Thom Mason was the speaker at the Rio Arriba County Regional Leadership Summit on Oct. 31 at the Santa Claran Hotel in Española. Mason updated community leaders about the Laboratory's projected growth and the related economic development opportunities for the surrounding area, stressing that community engagement is vital to the Lab's mission of recruiting the next generation of leaders. To that end, he said, the Lab will continue to support local schools, form partnerships with regional higher education institutions, spin off new technologies into the private sector, grow the business community and hire locally.

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